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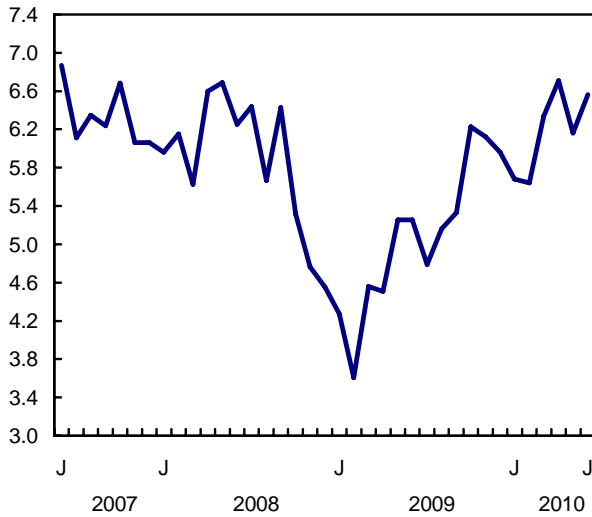
### Building permits

June 2010

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#### Total value of permits

\$ billions



In the non-residential sector, the value of permits increased 23.5% from May to \$3.0 billion in June. This increase was largely attributable to higher commercial and institutional construction intentions in Ontario and higher commercial construction intentions in Alberta.

In the residential sector, the value of permits fell 4.5% from May to \$3.6 billion in June, as a result of a drop in single-family housing permits. This was the third consecutive monthly decrease.

The total value of permits was up in six provinces, led by Alberta, Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia. Saskatchewan posted the largest decrease.

#### Non-residential sector: Increases in both institutional and commercial components

In the commercial component, municipalities issued \$1.5 billion worth of permits in June, up 39.0%

#### Note to readers

Unless otherwise stated, this release presents seasonally adjusted data, which eases comparisons by removing the effects of seasonal variations.

The Building Permits Survey covers 2,400 municipalities representing 95% of the population. It provides an early indication of building activity.

The communities representing the other 5% of the population are very small, and their levels of building activity have little impact on the total.

The value of planned construction activities shown in this release excludes engineering projects (e.g., waterworks, sewers or culverts) and land.

For the purpose of this release, the census metropolitan area of Ottawa-Gatineau (Ontario/Quebec) is divided into two areas: Gatineau part and Ottawa part.

#### Revision

Preliminary data are provided for the current reference month. Revised data, based on late responses, are updated for the previous month.

from May. The increase was primarily due to higher construction intentions for hotels, restaurants and conference centres in Ontario and for recreational facilities in Alberta.

The institutional component increased 41.7% from May to \$966 million in June. The increase was largely due to higher construction intentions for educational institutions in Ontario.

After five consecutive monthly increases, the value of industrial building permits fell 18.0% from May to \$566 million in June. Ontario had the largest decrease, while Newfoundland and Labrador posted the biggest gain.

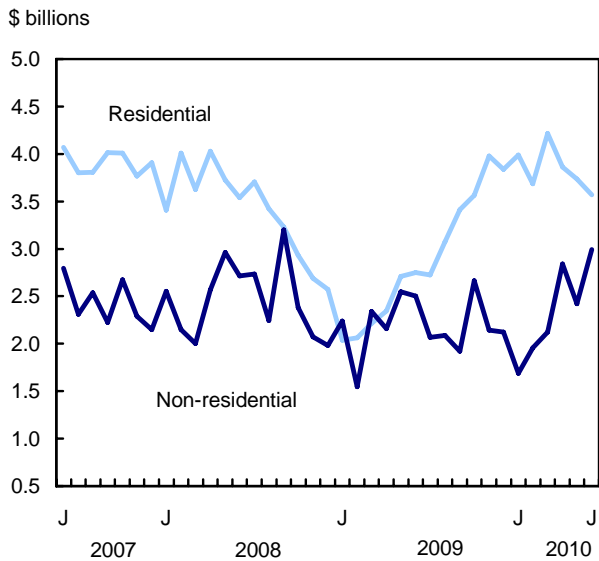
#### Residential sector: Lower intentions for single-family dwellings

The value of building permits for single-family units declined for the third consecutive month, falling 8.3% from May to \$2.2 billion in June. The decline in June was a result of decreases in every province except Newfoundland and Labrador.

Municipalities issued \$1.4 billion worth of building permits for multi-family dwellings in June, 2.0% more than in May and a second consecutive monthly increase. British Columbia was by far the province with the largest gain in the value of multi-family permits, offsetting declines in six provinces.

Municipalities approved the construction of 17,729 new dwellings in June, up 2.0% from May. This was due to a 12.1% increase in the number of multi-family dwellings to 10,216, despite a 9.2% drop in the number of single-family dwellings to 7,513.

### Residential and non-residential sectors



### Increases in six provinces

In June, the value of building permits was up in six provinces.

Alberta, Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia posted the largest advances. The increase in Alberta was attributable to all components in the non-residential sector. In Newfoundland and Labrador, the value of permits tripled relative to May as a result of increases in every component except institutional

buildings. In British Columbia, the gain was due to the commercial and industrial components, and permits for multi-family dwellings.

Saskatchewan had the largest drop with decreases in every component. Ontario posted a small decline as a result of increases in the institutional and commercial components, which did not entirely offset decreases in the other components.

### Increases in the census metropolitan areas

The total value of permits rose in 15 of the 34 census metropolitan areas.

In Kitchener, the value of permits doubled as a result of gains in all non-residential components and in multi-family dwellings. The value of permits was up in Edmonton and Ottawa because of increases in the three components of the non-residential sector. The value of permits in St. John's was pushed upward by all components except institutional or government buildings.

In contrast, Toronto and St. Catharines–Niagara posted the largest declines. In Toronto, the decrease was attributable to the residential sector and permits for industrial buildings. The decrease in St. Catharines–Niagara stemmed from every component in the non-residential sector.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 026-0001 to 026-0008 and 026-0010.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2802.**

The June 2010 issue of *Building Permits* (64-001-X, free) will be available soon.

The July building permit data will be released on September 8.

To order data, contact Joanne Bureau (toll-free 1-800-579-8533; 613-951-9689; [bdp\\_information@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:bdp_information@statcan.gc.ca)). For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Nicole Charron (613-951-0087), Investment and Capital Stock Division. □

**Dwelling units, value of residential and non-residential building permits, Canada**

	June 2009	April 2010	May 2010 <sup>r</sup>	June 2010 <sup>p</sup>	May to June 2010	June 2009 to June 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	number of units				% change	
<b>Total dwellings</b>	<b>13,120</b>	<b>17,909</b>	<b>17,383</b>	<b>17,729</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>35.1</b>
Single <sup>1</sup>	5,955	8,733	8,271	7,513	-9.2	26.2
Multiples	7,165	9,176	9,112	10,216	12.1	42.6
	value in \$ millions				% change	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,254.5</b>	<b>6,707.5</b>	<b>6,160.7</b>	<b>6,561.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>24.9</b>
Residential	2,750.0	3,864.6	3,737.9	3,570.0	-4.5	29.8
Single <sup>1</sup>	1,729.6	2,552.5	2,367.1	2,171.7	-8.3	25.6
Multiple	1,020.4	1,312.1	1,370.9	1,398.3	2.0	37.0
Non-residential	2,504.5	2,843.0	2,422.7	2,991.8	23.5	19.5
Industrial	324.4	437.8	690.8	566.2	-18.0	74.5
Commercial	1,256.9	1,525.3	1,050.0	1,459.4	39.0	16.1
Institutional	923.2	879.8	682.0	966.2	41.7	4.7

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. Included in this category are the following types of dwellings: single-detached, mobile home and cottage.

**Note:** Data may not add to totals as a result of rounding.

Value of building permits, by province and territory

	June 2009	April 2010	May 2010 <sup>r</sup>	June 2010 <sup>p</sup>	May to June 2010	June 2009 to June 2010
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<b>Canada</b>	<b>5,254.5</b>	<b>6,707.5</b>	<b>6,160.7</b>	<b>6,561.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>24.9</b>
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Newfoundland and Labrador	60.6	103.2	61.4	204.0	232.1	236.4
Residential	49.3	79.3	47.3	54.4	15.1	10.5
Non-residential	11.4	23.8	14.2	149.6	956.7	1,215.5
Prince Edward Island	11.6	16.1	29.2	23.6	-19.2	103.2
Residential	7.7	10.0	20.1	12.4	-38.0	62.4
Non-residential	4.0	6.0	9.1	11.2	22.1	182.1
Nova Scotia	135.1	293.5	120.6	142.8	18.4	5.7
Residential	61.3	93.6	82.5	92.2	11.8	50.4
Non-residential	73.8	199.9	38.1	50.5	32.6	-31.5
New Brunswick	92.8	123.2	106.0	127.0	19.8	36.8
Residential	51.0	57.2	59.3	40.6	-31.5	-20.5
Non-residential	41.8	65.9	46.7	86.4	84.9	106.8
Quebec	1,186.8	1,300.2	1,286.7	1,316.1	2.3	10.9
Residential	751.5	863.7	851.9	872.1	2.4	16.0
Non-residential	435.3	436.5	434.8	444.0	2.1	2.0
Ontario	1,887.7	2,661.0	2,402.6	2,401.8	0.0	27.2
Residential	966.8	1,398.8	1,306.3	1,094.1	-16.2	13.2
Non-residential	920.9	1,262.3	1,096.3	1,307.7	19.3	42.0
Manitoba	142.0	164.0	153.9	152.0	-1.2	7.0
Residential	78.6	125.3	99.0	89.7	-9.4	14.1
Non-residential	63.4	38.6	54.9	62.3	13.5	-1.7
Saskatchewan	136.7	192.3	230.3	127.2	-44.8	-7.0
Residential	57.2	108.7	112.8	82.1	-27.2	43.7
Non-residential	79.5	83.6	117.5	45.0	-61.7	-43.3
Alberta	912.2	1,149.8	1,007.4	1,185.3	17.7	29.9
Residential	391.8	640.1	663.0	606.9	-8.5	54.9
Non-residential	520.4	509.7	344.5	578.4	67.9	11.1
British Columbia	645.3	673.9	747.1	860.2	15.1	33.3
Residential	321.4	480.1	485.1	612.2	26.2	90.5
Non-residential	323.9	193.8	262.0	248.0	-5.4	-23.4
Yukon	5.3	15.1	7.7	11.7	53.2	123.4
Residential	2.9	6.7	6.0	6.3	5.1	120.8
Non-residential	2.4	8.4	1.6	5.4	230.6	126.5
Northwest Territories	19.5	3.7	7.5	4.8	-35.9	-75.2
Residential	1.7	0.9	4.7	2.1	-56.1	23.7
Non-residential	17.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	-2.7	-84.4
Nunavut	18.9	11.6	0.2	5.3	2,266.7	-71.8
Residential	8.9	0.1	0.1	4.8	6,330.7	-45.8
Non-residential	10.0	11.5	0.2	0.5	234.7	-95.0

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**Note:** Data may not add to totals as a result of rounding.

Value of building permits, by census metropolitan area<sup>1</sup>

	June 2009	April 2010	May 2010 <sup>r</sup>	June 2010 <sup>p</sup>	May to June 2010	June 2009 to June 2010
Seasonally adjusted						
	\$ millions				% change	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,846.2</b>	<b>4,851.7</b>	<b>4,572.9</b>	<b>4,721.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>22.7</b>
St. John's	35.8	60.0	40.5	118.6	192.6	230.9
Halifax	64.8	66.6	56.3	70.2	24.6	8.3
Moncton	19.1	22.7	42.4	16.0	-62.4	-16.6
Saint John	21.1	35.0	11.3	11.1	-1.7	-47.1
Saguenay	28.8	29.5	37.3	24.0	-35.7	-16.5
Québec	145.5	186.4	142.2	142.2	-0.1	-2.3
Sherbrooke	44.4	50.5	36.3	32.6	-10.2	-26.6
Trois-Rivières	35.2	21.3	34.6	31.9	-7.8	-9.4
Montréal	562.7	524.4	617.4	630.0	2.0	12.0
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	182.0	214.7	190.9	282.5	48.0	55.2
Gatineau part	34.0	43.4	41.7	47.2	13.1	38.9
Ottawa part	148.0	171.3	149.2	235.3	57.7	58.9
Kingston	13.9	15.0	28.7	13.3	-53.7	-4.4
Peterborough	7.4	12.5	18.4	10.7	-41.8	45.2
Oshawa	14.5	72.8	39.4	105.3	167.1	627.1
Toronto	908.3	1,251.5	1,177.0	996.5	-15.3	9.7
Hamilton	161.6	168.2	171.6	81.2	-52.7	-49.8
St. Catharines–Niagara	25.8	52.2	149.8	37.0	-75.3	43.4
Kitchener	93.1	150.5	105.5	217.0	105.7	133.0
Brantford	5.8	7.7	10.4	28.4	173.6	392.7
Guelph	41.2	30.2	14.8	28.6	92.9	-30.5
London	35.5	96.1	83.0	72.5	-12.6	104.3
Windsor	39.3	114.2	15.6	77.1	395.4	96.1
Barrie	24.1	39.7	24.5	53.5	118.8	122.5
Greater Sudbury	33.1	13.5	24.8	13.2	-46.7	-60.1
Thunder Bay	9.7	7.0	21.9	20.1	-8.3	108.1
Winnipeg	79.8	119.3	86.4	91.2	5.6	14.4
Regina	44.5	59.2	73.2	36.5	-50.1	-17.9
Saskatoon	39.4	85.1	98.4	51.5	-47.6	30.8
Calgary	428.7	333.0	314.8	375.2	19.2	-12.5
Edmonton	235.1	564.4	347.1	457.0	31.7	94.4
Kelowna	163.5	35.9	29.7	26.4	-11.2	-83.9
Abbotsford–Mission	13.7	10.4	20.2	10.1	-50.3	-26.7
Vancouver	248.8	348.3	444.9	501.1	12.6	101.4
Victoria	40.2	53.6	63.4	58.3	-8.0	45.2

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1. Go online to view the census subdivisions that comprise the census metropolitan areas.

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## Farm product prices

June 2010

Prices received by farmers in June for grains, oilseeds, specialty crops, potatoes, cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs and dairy products are now available.

The June Ontario hog price was \$73.47 per hundredweight, down 6.6% from May, but up 30.7% from June 2009 when the price was \$56.23.

The Saskatchewan canola price declined by 0.2% in June compared with May to \$394.87 per metric tonne. The canola price for Saskatchewan has fallen by 12.6% since June 2009, when it stood at \$451.89.

**Note:** Farm commodity prices are now available on CANSIM. Prices for over 35 commodities are available by province, some series going back 20 years.

**Available on CANSIM: table 002-0043.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3436.**

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## Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports

May 2010

The number of take-offs and landings at the 130 airports without air traffic control towers reached 62,718 movements in May. Year-over-year increases were reported by 64 of these airports. Peterborough, Ontario (3,054 movements), followed by Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador (2,579 movements), were the most active sites in May.

**Available on CANSIM: tables 401-0021 and 401-0022.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.**

The May 2010 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: Airports without Air Traffic Control Towers (TP 141)* (51-008-X, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. This report is a joint publication of Statistics Canada and Transport Canada.

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## Canadian Foreign Post Indexes

August 2010

Data for August on Canadian foreign post indexes are now available.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2322.**

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## Profile of Canadian importers

2002 to 2008

Data from the Importer Register Database are now available for 2002 to 2008. The database provides information on importers by industry groupings, importer size, province or territory of residence, country of origin and/or employment size.

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5124.**

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